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Subj: VF-124/VMFAT-101 AAR ser's 3-70A concerning F-8J/F-4B BuNo's 149212/150473 accident occurring 22 November 1969, pilots

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From: Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet

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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma,

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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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From: Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing

To: Commander, Naval Safety Center

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F-8J BuNo 149212, F-4B, BuNo 150473 of 22 November 1969, Pilots HELLMAN and
SAUER

From: Commander Readiness Attack Carrier Air Wing TWELVE

To: Commander Naval Safety Center

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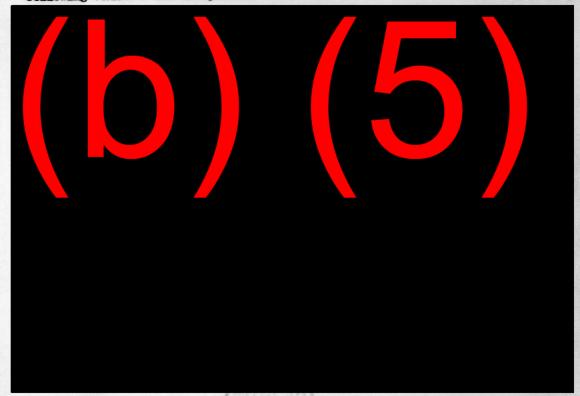
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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 33

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on VF-124 serial 3-70A, VMFAT-101 serial 3-70A, concerning F-8J BuNo 149212, F-4B, BuNo 150473 of 22 November 1969, Pilots HELLMAN and SAUER.

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Fighter/Attack Training Squadron-101 Marine Aircraft Group-33, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac MCAS, El Toro (Santa Ana), California 92709

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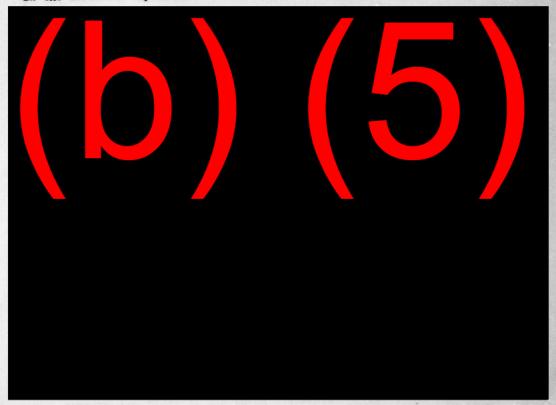
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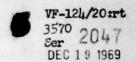
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FIRST ENDORGEMENT on VF-12h serial 3-70A, VMFAT 101 serial 3-70A, concerning F8J BUNO 149212, F4D, BUNO 150473 of 22 NOV 1969, bilots HELLMAN and SAUER

From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron 124 (VF-124)
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To: Commander, Naval Safety Center

Via: Commanding Officer, Fighter - Attack Training Squadron 101 (VMFAT 101)

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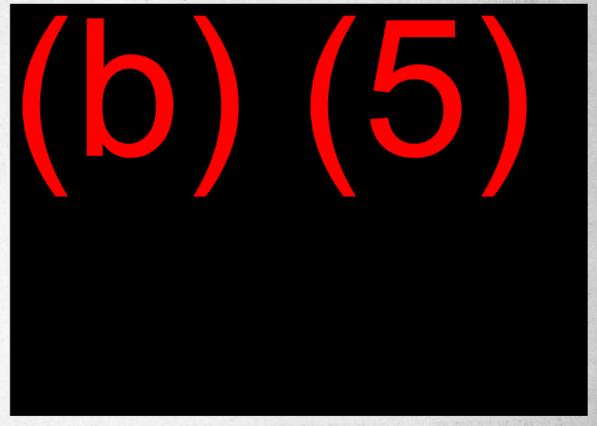
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3 MEMBER

UNIT BILLET

3. FLIGHT SURGEON MEMBER

PART V. THE ACCIDENT

The accident involved a flight of two (2) Navy F8J's and a single Marine F4B. The Marine F4B (SB-03) aircrew briefed at 0600 and launched at 0748 on 22 November 1969 in VFR conditions from MCAS El Toro. The F8J's (NJ-412, 413) briefed at 0630 and took off at 0735 in VFR conditions from NAF El Centro on 22 November 1969.



The F4B contacted the F8J on the underside of the fuselage just aft of the trailing edge of the wing. Enclosure (3)

(b) (5)

The F8J engine, vertical stabilizer, horizontal stabilitar, ventral lins, and afterburner came apart from the violent impact and landed in a semicircular pattern on the desert floor. The forward fuselage and wing impacted nose first in a small valley. Enclosure (4).

The Fig (b) (5) exploded on impact in a small arroyo. Parts distribution of the Fig was very compact; confined to within 100 yards of the shallow crater created by impact with the ground. The pilot's remains and all significant components of the Martin Eaker Escape Unit were found in

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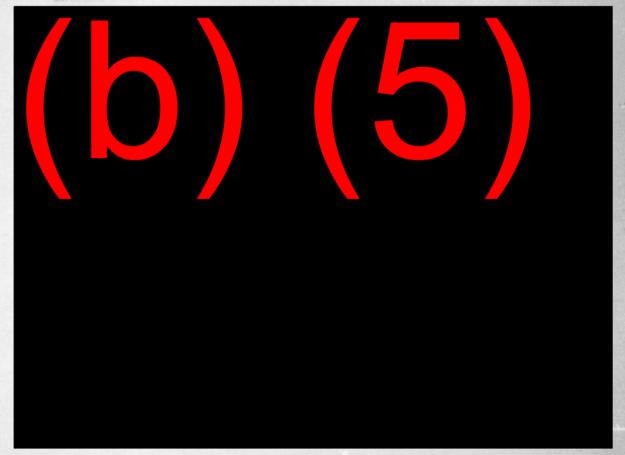
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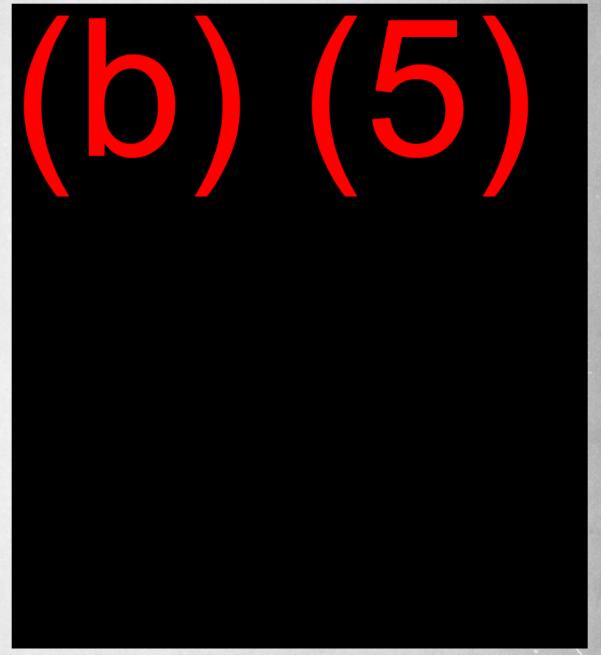
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PART VI DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT.

Marine F4B BUNO 150473 sustained major structural damage upon colliding with F8J BUNO 149212. It entered uncontrolled flight, struck the ground in a flat spin, burned and sustained STRIKE damage.

Navy F8J BUNO 149212 sustained STRIKE damage as the tail aft of FS595 was tern from the fuselage upon collision with the F4B. The fuselage with wing impacted the ground about two miles from the point of the collision and burned. Enclosure (4).





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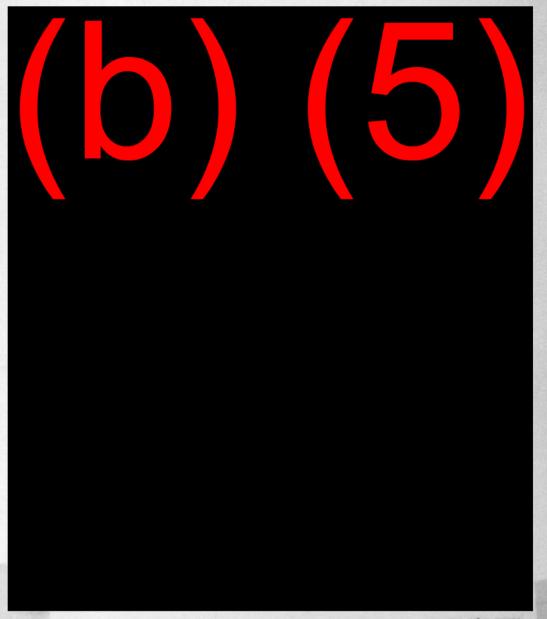
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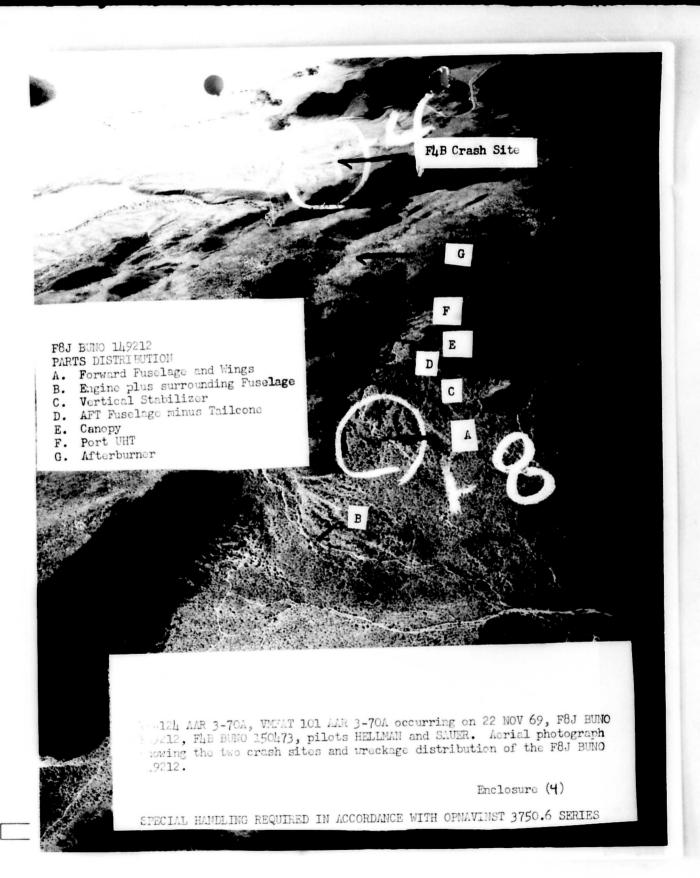
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VF-124 AAR 3-70A, VMFAT 101 AAR 3-70A occurring on 22 NOV 69 F8J BUNO 149212, F4B BUNO 150473 pilots HELLMAN and SAUER.
Artist's rendition showing relative position of F4B, SB03, and F8J, NJ412, at instant of impact. The view is from directly above the two aircraft.

Enclosure (3)

SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPNAVINST 3750.6 SERIES



Resume of Captain SAUER's, pilot of Marine F4B BUNO 150473, flying experience for the preceding five fiscal years; concerning VF-124 AAR 3-70A, VMFAT 101 AAR 3-70A of 22 NOV 69, F8J BUNO 149212, F4B BUNO 150473, pilots HELLMAN and SAUER.

Command Attached	Period assigned	Model Aircraft		CV Landings Day/Night	Operational Proficiency
NA TRACOM	MAR 66-MAR 67	various	285	7/0	Operational
VFT-1	MAY 67	TF9J	7	0/0	Operational
VMFA-513	JUN 67-JUN 68	F4B	241	0/0	Operational
VMFA-542	JUL 68-AUG 69	F4B	379	0/0	Operational
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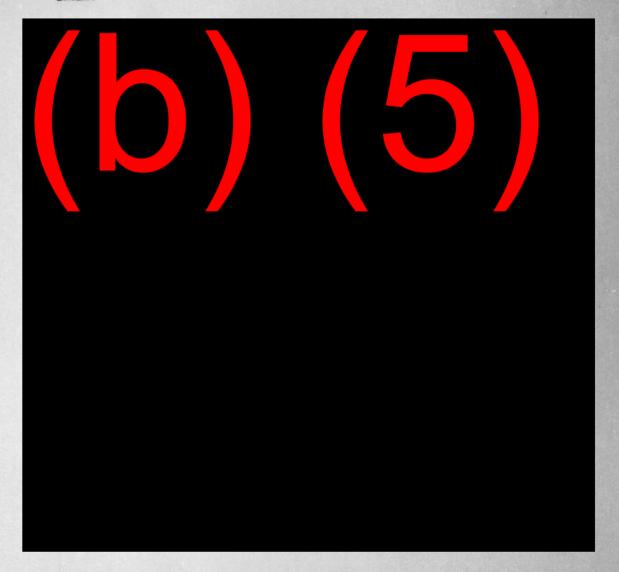
Pilot's synthetic trainer time for the preceding 12 months

Date	Type Trainer	Mission	Time logged
9/18/69	WST	Emerg Procedures	1.0
9/19/69	WST	Emerg Procedures	1.0

Enclosure (5)

SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPNAVINST 3750.6 SERIES

Diagram showing estimated relative positions of the two aircraft during the 5 seconds preceding the collision, concerning VF-124 AAR 3-70A, VMFAT 101 AAR 3-70A of 22 NOV 69 F8J BUNO 149212, F4B BUNO 150473 pilots HELLMAN and SAUER.



Resume of flying experience for the preceding five fiscal years.

ICDR HELLMAN, USN, (b) (6) /1310, pilot of F8J, BUNO 149212, concerning VF-124 AAR 3-70A, VMFAT 101 AAR 3-70A of 22 NOV 69, F8J BUNO 149212, F4B BUNO 150473, pilots HELLMAN and SAUER.

Command Attached	Period assigned	Model Aircraft	Flight Hours	CV Landings Day/Night	Operational Proficiency
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VF-124	JAN 66-APR 66	F8	105	16/10	Operational
VF-162	MAY 66-FEB 68	F8	497	171/40	Operational
VF-124	MAR 68-NOV 69	F8/T-28	374	0/0	Operational

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MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK TRAINING SQUADRON-101 Marine Aircraft Group-33 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac MCAS, El Toro (Santa Ana), California 92709

21 November 1969

FLIGHT SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 1969

SDO......1STLT (b) (6)
OPS CLERK..LCPL (b) (6)

ODO: 0730-1030: LSTLT 1030-1330: LSTLT 1330-1630: LSTLT

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1630-SEC:

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SUNRISE..0620 SUNSET...1645

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FLIGHT HOURS LAST MONTH 398.4 FLIGHT HOURS THIS MONTH 151.7

FLIGHT HOURS THIS FISCAL YEAR 1467.9

NATOPS: MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE GROSS WEIGHTS (FOR THF .F-4B)

FIELD TAKEOFF - 54,800 LBS.
FIELD LANDING (FLARED)
BEFORE AFC 230 - 38,000 LBS.
AFTER AFC 230 - 42,000 LBS.
ARRESTED LANDING, TOUCH AND GO AND MLP

EMERGENCY OF THE DAY TOWARD HOZZLE FAILURES (POF RATOPS 5-26, 27)

REC: 0800-1130: 1STLT (b) (6)

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1. FROM					2. DATE 0	F MI SHAP	2A. DATE OF RESCUE
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	UTIES OF RESCUE VEHICLE	OU, CREIT			4. RESCUE	VEHICLE (Type/mode	1)
	STATION SAN DIE	GO SAR			нн3 г		
5. NUMBER OF	SA. IN RESCUE VEHICLE OR	SB. TO BE RESCUED	SC. RESCUED	17 10 1 10	6. RESCUE	BACK UP MEANS	
PERSONNEL	ON RESCUE TEAM 4	3	2		THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE	at CGAS SD	
7. TIME	SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (L	ocal Date Time Gre	oup)	8.	WEATHER	CONDITIONS AT	
7A. Alert Received	Wethod			BA. WATER	TEMPERATURE	AIR TEMPERATURE	WIND VELOCITY
220837U	NOTIFIED BY MIR	AMAR RATTC (I	PHONE)	N	A °F	55	CALM
78. Vehicle Departed	Distance to Scene			BB. SEA S	TATE/WAVE HE	IGHT/FREQUENCY; TER	RAIN DESCRIPTION
220839U	48 MILES			RO	CKY MOU	NTAIN	
7C. Arrived on Scene	Search Required						
220902U	YES			CASE A			
7D. Located Survivor	Method of Locating						
220905U	RADAR VECTORS T	O SCENE					
7E. Began Retrieval	That Was Sighted First			9. EQUIPM	ENTS ACTUALL	Y USED DURING RESCU	
220910U	FIRST SURVIVOR	WAS LOCATED Y	VISUALLY	1		HOIST	(BASKET)
7F. Ended Retrieval	Subsequently						
220945U	SECOND SURVIVOR		BY SMOKE	FLARE			
M. Survivor(s)	Location (If different from I	ten 3)		1			

10. DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (List all difficulties and effect on final outcome of rescue attempt, i.e., ALERTING PERIOD, SEARCH/LOCATING, RETRIEVING, POST-RETRIEVAL)

NONE

11. PERSONNEL REQUIRING RESCUE NAME-LAST FIRST INITIAL		REASON FOR R	ESCUE	Physica	FACTORS COMPLICATING RESCUE ATTEMP	
WILKENING, William F	MIDAIR	COLLISIO	N/BAILO	UT	NONE	
HELLMAN, John S.	"	"	"		Name of the latest and the latest an	
						110000

HH3F CGNR 1435 LOCATED AND HOISTED TWO SURVIVORS, THEN CONTINUED SEARCH FOR THIRD PERSON. 1030U MIRAMAR OPERATIONS ADVISED GROUND PARTY HAD LOCATED BODY OF THIRD PERSON AT CRASH SITE, NO FURTHER CG ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. HH3F 1435 DEPARTED SCENE FOR NAS MIRAMAR.

	etrieving—Survivor's statements
14. NAME AND TITLE OF SUBMITTING OFF	SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTING OFFICIAL
CDR, USCG, OPERATIONS OFFICER	SIGNATURE OF FORWARDING OFFICIAL

The Medical Officer's
Reports were withheld
entirely under
exemptions (b)(5)
and/or (b)6) of the
FOIA.

Statement of CWO4 (b) (6) USN, (b) (6) /7411, VF-124 Aircrew Survival Equipment Officer; concerning VF-124 AAR 3-70A, VMFAT 101 AAR 3-70A occurring on 22 MOV 69, F8J BUNO 149212, F4B BUNO 150473, pilots HELLMAN and SAUER.

The pilot of F8J BUNO 149212 ejected using the MK7 Rocket Ejection Seat Ser #708, by pulling the face curtain. (b) (5)
Configuration of the seat was up to date.



CWOL (b) (6) has worked in Aviation Maintenance for 29 years. (b) (5)

Enclosure (15)

All statements withheld under exemption (b)(5).

Statement of VMFAT-101 Aircrew Survival Equipment Officer concerning VR-124 AAR 3-70A, VMFAT-101 AAR 3-70A of 22 November 1969, F-SJ BuNo 149212, F-4B, BuNo 150473, Pilots HELIMAN and SAUER

F-4B BuNo 150473 had AFC #307 incorporated. Drogue chutes of both the forward and aft seats were inspected on 16 October 1969. On the day of the accident a daily pre-flight inspection of both seats was conducted by a qualified seat man prior to launch. A review of work center registers covering a period of 95 days prior to the accident revealed no discrepancies related to the seats or other survival equipment.



At the time of the accident both crewmembers were wearing or carrying all prescibe items of survival equipment and clothing.



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TSWZ4881 / CSL A@S4 PTTUZYUW RUWJGFB1791. 3272038-UUUU--RUCILSA. 01 | 014 | 012 | 013 | 014 ZMR DUUUU P R 232038Z NOV 69 FM MARFITATKTRARON ONE ZERO ONE TO RUWJAPA/FITRON ONE TWO FOUR CHANNEL NUMBER B-360 INFO RUCILSA/ NAVSAFECEN RUW JMUAZ COM NAVA IR PAC RUW. JAPA/COMFAIRMIRAMAR RUMJAPA/COMREDATKCARAIRWING ONE TWO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC ZEN/CG THIRD MAW ZEN/MAG THREE THREE BT INCLAS AIPCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION: YOUR AAR 3-70A/MY AAR 3-70A A. OPNAVINST 3750-6F B. FITRON ONE TWO FOOR MSG. 222222Z NOV 69 1. IAW REF (A) MAJOR (b) (6), (b) (5) AND I/LT W.F. WILKENING WILL REPORT 24 NOV TAD YOUR ORG PD ABT TWO WKS IN CONN WITH ACFT ACCIDENT INVEST REF (B) 2. MAJ (b) (6), (b) (5) PROVIDES NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AS MY REPRESENTATIVE. LT WILKENING PARTICIPATES AS CREWMEMBER IAV REF (A). BT #1791 11/22/69 NOU.232438-2 NNNNOSWYGLAUNUSYN931 PTTUZYUW RUWJAPAJ487 327J234-UUUU--RUCILSA. ZNR UUUUUU P 23:J234Z NOV 69 FM FITRON ONE TWO FOUR TO RUENAAA/CNO RUCILSA/NAVSAFECEN RUWJGFA/VMFAT ONE ZERO ONE 162 INFO RULSSDE/NAVAIRSYSCOMHQ SUPP AA RUWD SAA/COMELEVEN ZEN/COMREDATKCARAIRWING ONE TWO ZEN/COMFAIRMIR AMAR 82 | 02A | 828 | 65 | 651 951 | 612 | 813 | 814 | 815 | RUWJMUA/COMNAVAIRPAC RUEBHOA/CMC RUNTATE/NAVPLANTREPO DALLAS CHARMEL RHCINKA/NAVPLANTREPO ST LOUI PECHUNA RUHHFMA/CGFMFPAC RUEBHVA/CGFMFLANT RUCLSKA/COMREDATKCARAIRWING RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT RUEBJFA/CHNAVPERS RUEBPD AVD IR AFIP RUWJABA/DAS NORTON AFB

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MANY SUPPLEMENTRY MESSAGE REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT.
(A) OPNAVINST 3750.6F
1. 22 NOV 69 U8250 DAY
2. 28J R 48 NM IMPERIAL TACAN
3, F8J, 149212
4. VF-124 AAR 3-70A
6. PILOT EJECTED WHILE ACFT WAS IN UNCONTROLLED FLIGHT.
7- WILKENING, W. F., 1LT, USMR, ACTIVE, (b) (6) 7581,F, RIO OF
BULO 150474 MARTNBAKER MKT ALTITUDE/ATTITUDE/AIRSPEED UNKNOWN
15. PILOT OF MARINE F4B BUNO (53474) SAUER, WILLIAM C. CAPT,
17. AUTOVON 959-3384 CORRECTION LSP473 per Adu AAR
81 81 80487 NOU. 23\$23+2
NOU. 239 251 2
NA K
45 F85/149212 VF-124 3-70A. 11/22/19
F40/150473 VF-124 3-704 11/22/19

OHCZ CSL A890 PTTUZYUW RUWJAPA0483 3262222-UUUU--RUCILSA. ZNR UUUUU P 222222Z NOV 69 FM FITRON ONE TWO FOUR //CORCY//SVC 230355Z NOV//PARA 11// TO RUENAAA/CNO SUCTL SAZ NAVSAFECE N RUNJGFAZVMFAT ONE ZERO ONE AAR STRIKE INFO RULSSDE/NAVAIRSYSCOMHO PUWDSA A/ COMELEVE N 80 | 81 | 811 | 912 | 813 | 814 | 815 | 82 | 82A | 823 | ZE N/ COMRED AT KCARAIRWING ONE TWO ZE N/ COM FA IRM IR AMAR BUMUM HAZ COM NAVA IRPAC CHANNEL RUEPHO A/ CMC 13313 PUWTATE/NAVPLANTREPO DALLAS NUMBER RUCIHHA/ NAVPLANTREPO ST LOUIS BUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC RUEBNY A/ CG FM FL ANT PUCLSKA/COMRED AT KCARAIRWING FOUR RUNHERA/CINCPACFLT 635 RUEBJFA/CHNAVPERS PUEBPD A/DIR AFIP RUMJABA/DAS NORTON AFB BT PAGE TWO RUNJAPADA83 UNCLAS FOR OF UNCLAS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY // NØ3750// FRELIMINARY REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT. (A) OPNAVINST 3750.6F 1. 22 NOV 69 0825 U DAY 2. 2808 48 NM IMPERIAL TACAN 3. FBJ. 149212 5. ALFA, MIDAIR COLLISION, PILOT EJECTED, ACFT COLLIDED WITH GROUND.
S. HELLMAN, JOHN S, LCDR, (b) (6) USN, 1310, FOXTROT, 3473/1920/42 4. VF-124 AAR 3-70A MARTIN BAKER MK7, 11,500MSL, STRAIGHT, NOSE LOW, 300 KIAS 7. NA 8. NONE 9. FORMATION, LOCAL, VFR, EL CENTRO 18. FORMATION TACTICS 11. WHILE ON TWO PLANE FORMATION TRAINING FLIGHT F8J BUNO 149212 COLLIDED WITH MARINE FAB BUNO 150474. (D) (5) RIO EJECTED. PILOT DID NOT EJECT. PILOT EJECTED SAFELY.

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12. 270/5 KTS, SKY CONDITION CLEAR, 48 F, 38 F, 40 MILES.

13. NONE

14. NONE

15. ONE UNIDENTIFIED CREW MEMBER MARINE F4B 150474 ALFA INJURY. MARINE

FAB 1524743 ALFA DAMAGE, REPORTING CUSTODIAN VMFAT 101.

16. VF-124 WILL CONVENE ACCIDENT BOARD.

17. (b) (6) LCDR, ASO, 714-271-3383 HOME PHONE

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